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New Photos for 'Cane Watchers and Bay Buffs

Baltimore, MD – A dramatic array of exclusive Hurricane Isabel photographs and a comprehensive overview of Chesapeake Bay dredging activities are now available at the Maryland Port Administration websites, www.mpa.state.md.us and www.mpasafepassage.org.

By clicking on **Hurricane Isabel Photos** at the first address, viewers will see a gallery of shots taken by MPA employees of the rising waters and flood scenes in downtown Baltimore, the World Trade Center, local communities, and the Dundalk and Seagirt Marine Terminals.

Visitors to the second site will learn about a variety of environmental programs targeted to keeping the shipping lanes open, our State's gateway to the world. Videostreaming of community grass plantings at Cox Creek will soon be online also.

Nearly 300 years old, the Port of Baltimore has consistently remained one of the top U.S. ports for several reasons. Located more than 150 miles inland, Baltimore is the closest U.S. Atlantic seaport to major mid-Western destinations and manufacturing centers. Nestled in the heart of the fourth largest, second wealthiest consumer market in the nation, Baltimore is a prime distribution location. The public terminals of the Port of Baltimore recently surpassed a brand new milestone...7 million tons of general cargo in FY 2003.

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